



Commentary



Editor's notes

A little of this... ...a little of that

OK, ALL YOU BEARS FANS, Sunday certainly was your day, wasn't it? With a 46-10 victory over the New England Patriots to win Super Bowl XX, you're probably still gloating now.

Personally, I wasn't sure who I wanted to see win the Super Bowl. After all, if the Miami Dolphins aren't playing, I have a hard time cheering for one side of the other.

I know one thing for sure, though, and that is I think Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon is an absolute idiot. If I wanted the Bears to win for any reason, it would be because I think William "Refrigerator" Perry is a riot.



DOTTY MARTIN

I thought I liked Walter Payton and respected him for all the years he's spent in the National Football League - until, until, I read some of the things he said after the game, about being so disappointed that he didn't score a touchdown. Was he out there playing for his team or was he trying to hog all the glory for himself?

I would have liked to have seen the Patriots win for a couple of reasons - for the sincerity and honesty in Coach Raymond Berry's eyes, for Julius Adams who announced his retirement from the game earlier in the season, for Mr. Sullivan, the Patriots' owner who looked so dejected when his team went down in defeat, and for the New England fans who stuck by their team through all the bad times.

But, somebody has to win and somebody has to lose. I just wish Jim McMahon had been on the losing end this time.

MUCH THANKS to my friends at College Misericordia who presented me with my very own Paw Power t-shirt, in honor of the college's new nickname.

Judy Daly, who brought the shirt over to my office, said she wasn't sure whether or not I'd wear a Misericordia shirt, knowing full well that I will always remain true blue to my alma mater, Wilkes College.

Luckily, Misericordia colors of blue and gold are the same as Wilkes.

No, really, I will wear the shirt - and I will wear it proudly as a loyal supporter of the College Misericordia Cougars.

Thanks, gang - I appreciate you're thinking of me.

ALSO, THANKS to the people at Custom Management Corporation in Kingston for sending me a copy of their annual President's report.

A quote on the very first page of the report caught my attention and I'd like to pass it on to you.

"Quality is never an accident, it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction

and skilled execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives." The quote is attributed to W.A. Foster.

ANOTHER THOUGHT-PROVOKING PHRASE that caught my attention was hanging in the window of a paint store. It goes like this:

"Room for improvement is the largest room in the world." Think about it!

SINCE I TURNED 30 last March, it seems everything is going wrong with me and I spend more time than anything complaining about getting old.

I couldn't help but smile, though, when I came to work one day this week and there was a note on my desk, informing me that the Muppets had turned 30.

Well, I'll be darned! It sure is nice to share the same feeling with some very successful 30-year-olds.

Happy birthday - to all the muppets!

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Hank Kaminsky, an employee of the Dallas Post Office, on the recent death of his wife.

Hank, a resident of Kingston, has been a smiling face at the post office for several years now. Our most sincere condolences to you and your family, Hank.

A RECENT REPORT stated that the Burger King Corporation doesn't think the Herb campaign wasn't as successful as it could have been. The Burger King people think that because McDonald's launched its new McDLT sandwich at the same time Herb was announced, the Herb campaign kind of got lost in the hamburger rush.

However, now that Burger King has unveiled the real "Herb" who will be making his way across the country and visiting one Burger King restaurant in every state (Do you think he'll come to the Back Mountain?), it seems business people all over are now taking notice of Herb.

While driving down Route 11 to our production headquarters in Bloomsburg, it's amazing how many businesses make reference to Herb on their own signs. Here are some of the signs I've seen in the past few weeks:

Sign on a Pizza Hut: Herb eats Priazzo!

Sign on a waterbed company: Herb sleeps here.

Sign on a garage contracting company: Herb bought his garage here.

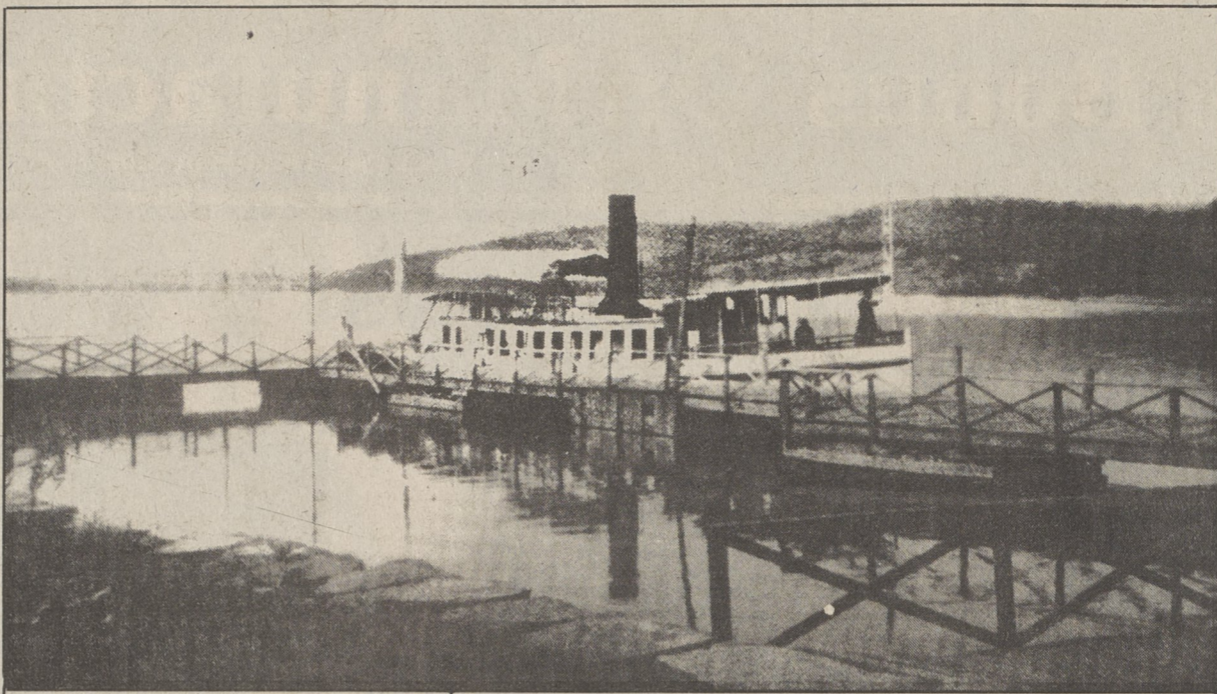
Sign on a cinder block company: Herb works here.

Sign on a heating system company: Herb bought his heating system here.

Sign on a motel: Herb lives here.

I find it amazing to think that Burger King doesn't find Herb to be a success. After all, I'm sure Herb reads The Dallas Post and, that in itself, makes him a success.

(Doty Martin is the Executive Editor of Pennaprint, Inc., publisher of The Dallas Post.)



REMEMBERING

Familiar sight

This may be a familiar sight to some of the long-time residents of the Back Mountain area - ferry boats on Harveys Lake.

Only yesterday

Area residents protest meter rate postponement

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 31, 1936

A 150 day postponement of new meter rates which would have gone into effect was announced by Robert Hall Craig, general manager of Dallas Water Company. The postponement was due to protest from area residents.

The Pike's Creek Orchestra from Lake Township held the State Championship in Luzerne County.

Married - Helen Balut to Dr. T.C. Kroll, Ida M. Evans and Harry Carr; Pansy Evans and Emmanuel P. Morgan.

Deaths - George M. White, Danville; Frank P. Ace, Mehoopany.

You could get - Chuck roast 17c lb.; round steak 33c lb.; pork sausage 27c lb.; stewing oysters 4 doz. 29c; Minute Tapioca 2 pkg. 23c; Maxwell House coffee 29c lb.; oranges 5 lb. bag 25c; prunes 4 lb. 25c; evaporated milk 4 tall cans 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEB. 1, 1946

Having completed four years in the U.S. Medical Corps, Dr. A.A. "Jack" Mascali purchased the A.N. Garinger home on Machell Avenue and opened his office there.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Culp, Huntsville, that their son Herbert Culp had been killed in action. He would be returned to the U.S. for burial in a military cemetery.

Married - Edith Spencer and Alvin Shaffer; Ruth Johnson and Edward E. Jeffrey; Elsie J. Ayre and William Lewis; Ida Lewis and Pfc. Paul Redmond.

Deaths - Ella Ruggles, Pikes Creek.

You could get - Chickens 35c lb.; haddock fillets 39c lb.; pork sausage 39c lb.; oranges 35c doz.; broccoli 23c lg. bunch; carrots 2 lg. bunches 17c; Palmolive soap 10c bath size; Crisco 3 lb. jar 68c; 16 oz. jar molasses 22c.

30 YEARS AGO - FEB. 3, 1956

The epidemic of Scarlet Fever among grade school children in Lehman was apparently on the wane. Fourteen children had been stricken with the disease. Other area schools, however, reported no problem with scarlet fever.

Atty. Mitchell Jenkins was elected president and five new directors were named at the annual meeting of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Directors were Mrs. Peter D. Clark, Mrs. Myron Baker, Stephen Hellersperk, Mrs. Donald Smith and Mrs. Fred Swanson.

Engaged - John M. Humphrey, 3rd to Mildred Kidder Haffelfinger; Janice Marion Lamb and James

D. Borst; Elaine Swsan to Airman 2-C Alvin Cragle; Lois K. Jones to Harry J. Johnson; Robert Suttiff to Kathie M. Doberly; Freda Shupp to Howard Woolbert.

Deaths - John Zosh, Meeker; Lydia Spencer, West Davenport, N.Y.; Mrs. Charles Landers, Wilkes-Barre; Michael Begley, Dallas; Timothy Jayne, Kingston.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 89c lb.; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; franks 39c pkg.; coffee 79c lb.; bologna 39c lb.; oysters 89c pt.; bananas 12c lb.; eggs 39c doz.; frozen strawberries 3 pkg. 55c; Breyers ice cream 99c ½ gal.

20 YEARS AGO - FEB. 3, 1966

Mrs. Emma Millen was 100 years old. A resident of Harris Hill Road, Mrs. Millen was born in 1866, shortly after the end of the Civil War.

Franklin Township announced the intention of passing a one per cent wage tax.

Richard A. Holodick was named president of the Jackson Fire Company.

Engaged - Barbara Ann Hennebaul and Raymond R. Stradus.

Married - Betty J. Trask and L-Cpl. Leslie W. Dickson; Patricia Schell and Bernard H. Hughes.

Deaths - Willard Lozo, Shavertown; Roy L. McNeil, Dallas; Edward Michalus, Harveys Lake; Lydia Kilner, Jackson Twp.; Daisy Farver, Bloomingdale.

You could get - Turkeys 39c lb.; spare ribs 49c lb.; sliced bacon 79c lb.; 5 lb. grapefruit 49c; pascal celery lg. stalk 25c; butter 71c lb.; 1 lb. bag potato chips 49c; 2 bars Dial 33c; Musselman applesauce 2 jars 33c.

10 YEARS AGO - FEB. 5, 1976

Leonard Kozik, Dallas, was named sanitary inspector for Jackson Township.

No progress was reported in the strike of Communications Workers of America and Commonwealth Telephone Company.

More than 350 area residents of Lebanese origin have relatives living in strife-torn Lebanon. This observation was noted by Rev. Victor Kayrouz, pastor of St. Anthony's Maronite Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Engaged - Bonnie Jean Gerard and George Mahler; Florence Bryan to Toefil Zalinski; Mary Lou Pieczynski and Ronald Karpovich.

Married - Joan Meyers and John Sidorek.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, Huntsville, 35 years.

You could get - Chicken 39c lb.; ham \$1.59 lb.; paper towels 2 rolls \$1; applesauce 3 jars \$1; grape jelly 1 lb. 4 oz. jar 74c; bread 2 loaves 68c; pepper 4 oz. can 48c; margarine 19c lb.; broccoli 3 pkg. \$1.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library would like to congratulate Dr. Charlotte Casterline of Old Well Lane in Dallas on the recent publication of her book, "My Friend Has Asthma" and thank her for her donation of the book to the library.

Dr. Casterline and her two children, Corine, age 11, and Pete, five, have borrowed books from the children's department of the library for many years. She is one of the few borrowers of the library who uses a rubber stamp to sign the book cards, and we can say, in all honesty, she borrows books by the bushful.

Our copy of the book has been autographed by the author and will be available in the children's department of the library. The illustrations are absolutely precious and the entire book is very well done. We are grateful to Dr. Casterline for her donation and are thrilled to have this copy of the first edition in our library.

The library staff is most grateful for the donation of a periodical displayer from Mrs. Edward J. Schellenberg, Amy Schellenberg MacNulty and E. John Schellenberg III in memory of Edward J. Schellenberg. This displayer has been installed in the reference room at the library and will display 64 magazines. This contribution is a much-appreciated organizer for the periodical collection in our reference room. Thank you, Schellenbergs.

Mrs. Crump stopped in the other day and asked me what coriander was, and, unfortunately, I was not able to tell her off the tip of my tongue. The dictionary offered little help except that it is a plant whose aromatic, seedlike fruits are used in cooking and in medicine. The World Book encyclopedia gave us what we wanted to know: The seeds are used in curries, sauces and liqueurs, most in Europe; and 500 pounds of seeds yield 5 pounds of oil. Coriander belongs to the parsley family. Just in case you wanted to know.

Another educational spot: Students have been doing papers on funeral things, such as embalming, cremation, etc. and one girl wanted to do something on the process of freezing a person for a length of time and returning it with no aging process and no ill effects and we could not find the proper spelling of the word and, therefore, could not find any information. We found out later that the word is, thanks to some reference searching, the word is cryonics. One of the greatest rewards in reference work is finally finding the answer.

The library has available, for the public, Federal Income Tax Forms of most of the commonly used forms, on a table in the corridor of the library. A binder at the circulation desk has other forms which may be photo-copied. Ask for the forms you need but can't find.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett, 12th Legislative District.

HOUSE MEMBERS voted unanimously to change a House rule which closed some expense account records to the public. Under the new policy, the public will have access to all expense account documentation in the House. Previously, the public and media were permitted to review only reimbursement documents. Detailed expense records were not open for examination. Rep. James C. Greenwood (R-Bucks) announced recently that he planned to introduce a resolution to open the expense records. The House voted this week to change the rule before the resolution was introduced.

PROFESSIONAL AND non-professional employees in Pennsylvania schools would have to undergo background checks under legislation approved by the House Education Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Edward Burns (R-Bucks), the bill would require that all employees working for school districts, vocational-technical schools, intermediate units and private contractors furnish school districts with background checks. Current law requires only professional employees to sign a statement indicating whether they have been convicted of certain crimes.

RECENT COURT action by the Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges could create a financial crisis within the State Employee's Retirement System, according to Rep. John Kennedy (R-Cumberland). At a press conference, Kennedy announced that he will attempt to introduce a resolution calling for the creation of a special committee to investigate the fiscal stability of the retirement system. Pennsylvania's trial judges recently filed suit against the Commonwealth in the State Supreme Court, seeking to have the current judicial pension system declared unconstitutional. The judges want all members of the bench granted the same pension benefits now awarded only to those judges elected before 1974.

OPINION

On the contrary, libraries not thing of the past

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

With the invasion of telecommunications, video tapes, VCRs, computers, and other elements of the communications revolution, it would be easy to conclude that libraries are ancient relics of the past. The truth, however, is just the reverse. Despite the communications changes which have created many alternatives to reading, and despite the ability of these new communications resources to speed up the process of learning and talking, the written word remains a powerful center of thought, trade, law, and above all, a learning experience which needs to be reinforced in our educational system at all levels.

Nowhere is there more current commitment to the above than the transformation and modernization of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Attention has been riveted on the opening, early in 1985, of the library's new facility in Dallas. This

move actually accomplished two major goals. First, it enabled the library to be housed in a single building with sufficient space for substantial expansion and the opportunity to establish, within the structure, a community room, thus focusing in one facility, the ability to carry out a number of community-type activities.

Second, it enabled an abandoned school building to be transformed into a productive and useful facility as a major contributor to the improvement of the Back Mountain's quality of life.

The library not only serves as a foundation for learning through reading, but it also acts as a resource and research center helping students and, thus, school districts in the Back Mountain to carry out their activities in the fields of research, paper preparation, and other purposes more effectively. The library literally serves as an extension of the school systems in the Back Mountain as well as an excellent community resource

which needs the support of all public and private sectors and individuals in its service area.

While much of the basic work has been accomplished with respect to the library being able to open and carry out its community service activities, additional work is planned including the preparation of the community room. To accomplish the goal of establishing a new library facility, community leaders gathered together to plan and implement a major capital campaign to raise over \$450,000. This capital campaign was initiated in late 1984 and continues today in order to reach the goal of carrying out the design plans for the facility. Thus far, \$360,000 have been raised or pledged against this goal, and the campaign steering committee, as well as the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board continues to seek funding support from the local community.

Some of the key factors involved in the new library include the following:

- It is large enough on one floor to allow barrier-free access.
- It contains one big room for the main collection and several smaller spaces for Reference and Children's Library rooms and offices.
- It has large, level, adjacent parking areas even large enough for the annual auction parking demands.
- There are rooms upstairs adapted for public meetings and other community uses.
- Basement rooms, spacious

enough to store the coming year's auction goods, are available.

- It is a public building centrally located near the old library.

This is only the beginning of a library renaissance in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

There are 10 libraries in the Luzerne County system alone. To support this growing library system, community-wide financial support is required as well as the possible option of a special tax applied at the municipal level to meet library needs. This is permitted under Pennsylvania law.

Over the course of time, libraries have an impact on almost every citizen within a library's service area. The library is an important link between families and school districts, as well as those individuals who utilize libraries for personal enrichment through reading, research, and other purposes. For example, libraries have become places where records, films, and other forms of communication processes can be loaned. Libraries extend themselves beyond their service area through the inter-library loan program whereby one library not having a requested

resource can borrow that resource from another library or district library center.

Libraries are important to economic development. As a quality of life factor, evidence that libraries are supported by local communities is an added reason for an industry to consider a particular location for a new plant. It demonstrates the support that community gives to improving the quality of life and its respect for a comprehensive approach to community values.

The Back Mountain Library represents a cornerstone for community growth. The capital campaign as a community project is one of the first of its kind in this section of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Both donated materials and financial support are equally needed. Its success will demonstrate once again, the volunteer spirit which pervades much of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)

Grants available

Pennsylvania communities and municipalities may be eligible for grants up to \$50,000 under the state's Community Facilities and Site Development programs, Commerce Secretary James O. Pickard announced today. Interested localities meeting the guidelines must submit letters of intent outlining their proposed projects before April 15 to be considered for funding during fiscal year 1986-87.

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